

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY INDEXING A DOCUMENT WITH TABBED SHEETS

Abstract of the Disclosure

5 In a copier or printer, automatically providing tabbed sheets in the output of the
copier or printer, with an integral, on-line, tab appending system. A selected tab may be
appended on any selected sheet being fed through the regular paper path of a
xerographic or other copier or printer. This may be done by registering the leading edge
of the selected sheet, and then appending to it tab, at a user-selected position. The tab
10 position is specified by the user as part of editing or processing a document. This is
information is transmitted to the tab appending apparatus using existing protocols or by
printing, or otherwise affixing, barcode information on the document describing where
the tab is to be attached as well as the indicia to be recorded on the tab.

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